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A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Howell Todd for his numerous
accomplishments in higher education.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should honor those people who have given unreservedly of themselves, their talents and their resources to promote the worthy goals of quality higher education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Howell Todd is one such person who with inspiring dedication to his chosen field and significant achievements in higher education is well-deserving of the commendation of this General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Todd is a native Tennessean, reared in Carroll County, and is a 1965 graduate of the University of Tennessee, Martin, where he studied secondary education, mathematics, and chemistry; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Dr. Todd shared his knowledge and expertise as a faculty member in UT-Martin's Department of Chemistry before accepting a position with Dyersburg High School as a mathematics teacher; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Todd furthered his education at the University of Mississippi, receiving a master's in mathematics, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he earned his Ph.D. in Mathematics Education; and

WHEREAS, finding university work very rewarding, Dr. Todd was a devoted faculty member of the University of Mississippi and an astute graduate fellow of the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, our state was fortunate when Dr. Todd accepted a call to the Tennessee Board of Education and Department of Education as Director of Research, Planning, and Evaluation in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Todd proved during his tenure that he was an exceptional organizer, profound motivator, and consummate leader, and, as a result, he was asked to serve the Tennessee General Assembly as Executive Director of the Governmental Reorganization Commission; and

WHEREAS, with exceptional credentials both in education and state government, Dr. Todd was appointed Vice Chancellor for Administration and Executive Assistant to the Chancellor of our state's university and community college system in 1981, a position in which he excelled for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Todd has been widely respected as an expert in education and was regularly called upon for his expertise during his seventeen years of exemplary service to our great state; and

WHEREAS, although he left Tennessee in 1989 to accept a position as Chief Executive Officer of the South Dakota Board of Regents and most recently accepted a position as President of Mississippi College, his influence on education and state government will surely be felt in our state for years to come; and

WHEREAS, with tremendous knowledge, skill, and desire, Dr. Todd has been asked to share his expertise on the national level, giving presentations and publishing papers and reports of which even a brief list is inspiring; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Todd's professional activities, memberships, and affiliations are extraordinary as he has served as a member and officer of more than twenty significant associations, committees, advisory boards, councils, and task forces; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we honor this native Tennessean who has meant so much to our state and nation in the fields of education and government; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Dr. Howell Todd for his significant accomplishments in education and government and his contributions to our state, as he has imparted the highest ideals of public education to students, administrators, and government officials for many years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.